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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Shunsuke Furukawa et al.  
Serial No. : 09/649,955  
Filed : August 29, 2000  
For : RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA RECORDING

Group A.U. : 2752  
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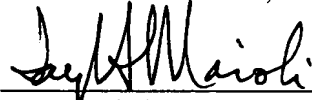
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified  
application, Applicants respectfully request that the application  
be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-18, 20, 24-30, 32, 36-42, 44, 49-55, 61,